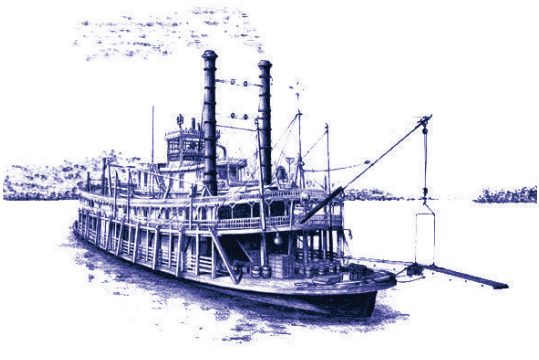






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County fields plan to convert old jail to juvenile detention

BY BOB DEMAREE

The proposal to convert the former Jefferson County Jail into a Juvenile Detention Center was presented to the County Council Tuesday.

Joshua Nichols, president of Juvenile Facilities of Indiana, presented County Council with a contract for a Juvenile Detention Center that initially would house eight males and eight females but potentially expand to house more than 40 in the future.

No action was taken but the Commissioners and Council plan to meet in January to further discuss the matter.

Commissioner Ron Lee suggested the juvenile detention center would go beyond serving Jefferson County and include other surrounding counties not just in Indiana but also Trimble and Carroll counties in Kentucky.

“I think it will be a good opportunity for the use of that building and to have a regional location (for juvenile detention) because everything else is so far out from here,” said Council President Chris Shelton.

Shelton said transporting juveniles long distances to detention centers is a time consuming burden on local law enforcement officers in addition to much wear and tear on vehicles.

Nichols emphasized the benefit of having juveniles in facilities that are closer to home, noting that families don’t have access to visit when a young person is housed in Gary or Evansville.

“I am a huge advocate of maintaining the family unit together because I believe that is one of the dynamics that prevents recidivism in the future ... by keeping them close, and engaging them in programming. That offers hope,” he said.

Nichols would operate the facility through his business, Executive Consulting and Coaching Solutions LLC. The contract calls for a one-year contract with the county at a cost of \$12,700 per month or an annual total of \$152,400.

Meanwhile, there are some renovations that need to be done to the old jail. Lee said he received one quote for \$239,000, and is waiting on one other quote.

Although the facility would initially have 16 beds, Nichols anticipates it would eventually scale up to house more.

Lee said he has been working since 2020 to determine what to do with the former jail after the county built its new jail on Madison’s hilltop. “We have been juggling and looking for different opportunities for the old jail,” said Lee, stating his “first thought was to tear it down, and make a parking lot” but the quote for that was \$450,000.

“We’ve tried to come up with a re-use that makes sense,” said Lee, first considering the location as a mental health facility until it was deemed unsuitable by Dr. Terry Stawar, former president and CEO

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Madison school board OKs \$944K pool repair

BY BOB DEMAREE

A \$944,484 contract with Landmark Aquatic Company was approved by Madison school board Wednesday for repair of the pool at Madison Junior High School.

The repair comes after it was discovered earlier this year that the pool was losing significant amounts of water.

The project includes installation of a new gutter system for \$789,722 that includes demolition of the existing gutter system, installation of the Paddock integrated gutter system, plumbing for the gutter system into the mechanical operating system of pool circulation, painting the pool shell, installing 1-inch tile, and start up and balance of the pool circulation system.

Additionally, a Colorado Timing System will be installed at a cost of \$154,762 that includes a six-lane touchpad system and a six-line LED scoreboard.

Brian Spear, general manager of Landmark Aquatic, has set a timeline for gutters to be released for production Friday of this week, have drawings for the repair completed by Dec. 19, begin demolition Jan. 5, install the new gutter system and associated piping Feb. 9, grouting of the gutter Feb. 23, begin tile work March 23, paint the pool beginning April 6 and have the pool filled April 20.

Madison Consolidated Schools Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown said funds for the repair are anticipated to be paid by utilizing some of the bond money that the school corporation has acquired for the Early Learning Center, although other funding possibilities have been explored.

“I’m so happy we’re getting the pool fixed,” said board member Dustin Bentz. “We felt the pool is very important part to the fabric of our community. It’s something we’re super proud to have.”

In other business, the board:

- Approved property and liability insurance and worker’s compensation with Educational Service Centers Risk Funding Trust (ESCRFT) at a cost of \$529,877. Brown said ESCRFT, which reduces and stabilizes long-term costs for Indiana schools, has 74 school districts participating. For 2025, the school corporation paid \$506,953 through Henriott Group, but that was due to increase in 2026 to \$643,987.
- Approved acceptance of a \$37,500 STEM Integration Grant from the Indiana

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In the Zone



Left: A group of residents gathers around two boards showing Madison’s current zoning map and a converted zoning map in a Unified Development Ordinance update proposed by city officials. An open house was held at Hunter Hall Tuesday to share information and gather feedback on the proposal which is scheduled for action early next year.

Above: The City of Madison held a two hour open house at Hunter Hall on Tuesday to allow local residents an opportunity to review and comment on a proposed Unified Development Ordinance the city has been developing over the past several months. Early arrivals TeriLu Adler (lower left) and Karen Skillman (lower right) review a board showing the various zoning districts while John Staicer (above) snaps a picture of the board to save for later.

Photos by Mark Campbell

CHARLIE'S BEAT

Holiday music and art options abound

There’s a saying my friends and I frequently use to describe the entertainment scene in Madison ... “You can’t do it all!” It’s always a bit daunting to pack in all the music and fun options, but it’s especially true around the holidays. Fear of missing out (FOMO) is very real when you live in Indiana’s Music City.

My best advice is just to do as many activities as you can and let the rest roll by like water off a duck’s back. Like I



CHARLIE ROHLFING

said, you can’t do it all, but you can do a lot if you plan ahead. What follows is a partial list of holiday events you should consider putting on your calendar, along with the corresponding movers and shakers who make so much of the good stuff happen in our town. (All of the folks I’ll be mentioning have been past subjects of Charlie’s Beat articles.)

First up is the second annual Jolly Christmas Musical Celebra-

tion at Thomas Family Winery, Friday Dec. 12, starting at 6 p.m. Stan Attenberger plays first, and then Brook Reindollar and the Merry Makers will take the stage with lots of jazzy holiday favorites. The man behind the show is Jed Skillman, and when I asked about his motivation he said, “I just like putting on a show for friends, especially when it benefits a good cause. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for the Salvation Army and we hope to do even better this year.” The show is free, but donations are encour-

aged.

Next up is the Black Sabbath tribute show at Red Bicycle Hall this Friday at 8 p.m. It’s not really a Silent Night, but if you are into classic heavy metal, it’ll be your kind of Little Drummer Boy, for sure. The man behind this event is Jimmy Davis, and he’ll be joined by Matt Red Moore and the whole merry band of Albumist elves. They’ll be doing the Paranoid album front to back, plus a selection of other Sabbath

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings. Dec. 9, 2025

Jose Alberto Florez-Alvares, 24, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a hold for United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. No bond.

Zachary Louis Harvey, 35, Lexington, Indiana, to serve 117 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

Dec. 10, 2025

Talan Curtis Rose, 18, Madison, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Possession of Paraphernalia, both Class C misdemeanors. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Dec. 8, 2025

Gena Layne Shelton, 43, Dupont, Indiana, to amended charges of Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 5 felony; Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the neglect charge, all suspended to supervised probation, but consecutive to 180 days at IDOC on the nuisance charge and consecutive to 40 days in the Jefferson County Jail on the resisting arrest charge, fully executed and served, plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

Anthony G. Boyer, 48, Hanover, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 138 days jail served, plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Rosalia Pastor Valencia, 30,

Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a Valid Driver's License, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

Jackson Michael Denny, 23, Hanover, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, plus \$189 in fees and court costs.

Denise Rosie Skirvin, 47, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended but 2 days, served, with 178 days suspended to supervised probation, driver's license suspended for 90 days with specialized driving privileges and \$489.50 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Dec. 8, 2025

Beau J. Gray to Chicken Run LLC and Sasha Gray, 3000+ East Legion Road, Madison.

Beau J. Gray to Chicken Run LLC and Sasha Gray, 1202 Wells Drive, Madison.

Kerry J. Brinson and Tina M. Brinson (trustees) and Kerry J. Brinson and Tina M. Brinson Family Trust to Oran Cart and Jessica Cart, 425 Mouser Street, Madison.

Marcus W. Gray (trustee) and Revocable Trust of Marcus W. Gray to Cruisin' Lease Inc, 3223 West State Road 256, Madison.

Marcus W. Gray (trustee) and Revocable Trust of Marcus W. Gray to Cruisin' Lease Inc, 3713 West Clifty Drive, Madison.

Marc Gray to Cruisin' Lease Inc. 3236 West State Road 256, Madison.

Oak Heritage Conservancy Inc. and Oak Heritage Conservancy Incorporated to Cardinal Land Conservancy Inc., approximately 3.5 acres at 1121 South River Bottom Road, Hanover.

Oak Heritage Conservancy Inc. and Oak Heritage Conservancy Incorporated to Cardinal Land Conservancy Inc., approximately 40 acres at

10000 West Road Road, Hanover.

Oak Heritage Conservancy Inc. and Oak Heritage Conservancy Incorporated to Cardinal Land Conservancy Inc., parts of 7 parcels totaling approximately 379 acres at 8000+ East State Road 56, Vevay and 9388 East Lost Fork Road, Vevay.

Dec. 9, 2025

Erika Coleman to Chicken Ron LLC and Beau Gray, 2222 Cherry Drive, Madison (\$141,459).

Charles D. Mitchell, Gertrude M. Mitchell, Jeffrey A. Mitchell and C. Dean Mitchell to Jonathan L. Wooten and Erin M. Wooten, 528 Quail Ridge Court, Madison.

Karen L. Sauley to Kara Sedam, Jill Deatley and Karen L. Sauley (life estate), 5337 West Foster Road, Hanover.

Otis W. Harmon and Marjorie H. Harmon (revocable trust) and Carol Ralston (trustee) to Kenneth L. Jones Jr. and Kimberly R. Jones, 635 Highland Drive, Madison.

Phillips Development Inc. to Stephen Apple and Karla Apple, 60 West Paine Street, Hanover.

Ronald E. Knight and Linda G. Knight to Nicholas Dean, 9 parcels at 1884 East Telegraph Hill Road, 1860+ Bob O Link Court and 2000+ East Gardner Lane, Madison.

Sharon C. Vandewater to Lindsay D. Brockett and Matthew Brockett, 1900 Vanburen Drive, Madison.

Mark W. McKay to Jared Kirby and Brooklyn T. Kirby, 8484 East State Road 56, Vevay.

Margo S. Watkins and Margo Sparrow to Margo Sparrow, 206 Sunrise Drive, Madison.

Damon W. Gross to Damon W. Gross and Amanda Gross, 1889 North Brooksbury-Manville, Madison.

Matthew M. Wickey and Leanna G. Wickey to Strand Barricklow, 139.5 acres at 13261 West Polk Road, Lexington.

Heather Huff, Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor and Earl W. Roberts to Peedee 23 LLC, 7133 South State Rod 62, Lexington.



Photo courtesy of the Oldham County Detention Center

Tim Hayden is pictured after recalling his harrowing carjacking experience, saying that his vehicle was stolen by an armed man on Dec. 3 in New Castle.

Bedford man arrested in Henry carjacking

Strange charged with robbery

BY JOE DURBIN
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Following an alleged carjacking in New Castle and an alleged vehicle theft in Campbellsburg on Dec. 3, 45-year-old Harold Strange was arrested around 1 p.m. on Dec. 4 at a Trimble County residence and now faces felony charges in Henry District Court.

Tim Hayden, of Cambellsburg, the victim of the alleged

"There were a few after-school activities Wednesday at NCES ..." said Henry County Public Schools Director of Communications Melissa Blankenship. "There was no distraction or disturbance at the school."

Blankenship said surveillance video was reviewed, and the incident occurred shortly after 6 p.m.

Jamiel, alongside other deputies from the Henry and Trimble County Sheriff's Offices, conducted the arrest around 1 p.m. after obtaining a search warrant.

According to a police citation, Strange was arrested "without incident" and police found a handgun at the residence.

Upon his arrest, Strange was taken to Baptist Hospital La Grange due to complaints of chest pain, according to Jamiel. He was treated, released and then transported to the Oldham County Detention Center, where he is being held on a \$200,000 cash bond.

Court records show that Strange has been charged with first-degree robbery, a Class B felony; and being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a Class C felony.

Kentucky State Police at Post 5 in Campbellsburg are investigating the second alleged car theft that occurred in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store in Campbellsburg. No further information has been provided on that incident.

Both vehicles have been recovered by the Henry County Sheriff's Office, according to Jamiel.



Harold Strange

Former Trimble man charged with molestation, giving meth to juveniles

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

NORTH VERNON, Indiana — A former Trimble County man who now resides in North Vernon is facing multiple felony charges for child molesting and dealing in methamphetamine in Jennings County, Indiana.

Michael Allen Kuhlman, 48, of North Vernon, was arrested by the Jennings County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) following an investigation into allegations involving two juvenile victims.

Kuhlman, a former resident of Bedford, Kentucky, and graduate of Trimble County High School, was taken into

custody and booked on preliminary charges of Child Molesting, a Level 1 felony; Sexual Battery-Threatening Deadly Force or With a Weapon, and Dealing in Metham-phetamine, both Level 4 felonies; Incest, a Level 5 felony; Incest and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, both Level 6 felonies; and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, all misdemeanors.

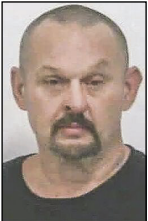
The investigation began after allegations were reported involving two victims, ages 16 and 13. During a forensic interview at a child advocacy

center, both victims disclosed information regarding criminal sexual acts.

During an interview with investigators, Kuhlman allegedly admitted to providing methamphetamine and alcohol to the juveniles and confirmed other details consistent with the allegations he had been charged.

JCSO issued a statement that the investigation is active and ongoing, the suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and no additional information will be released at this time.

The statement also noted that JCSO "remains committed to aggressively investigating crimes against children and holding offenders accountable."



Michael Allen Kuhlman

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Department of Education. The money will be used to purchase Spheo robotics kits and professional development that is aligned to Indiana state standards and promote computer science in each elementary school.

- Approved a three-year elevator inspection contact with Murphy Elevator Group for \$600 per month. Brown said it is hoped that

by having routine monthly checks on elevators in the school corporation that more significant costs can be avoided.

- Approved declaring old iPads obsolete to be sold to Secured Tech Solutions for up to \$28,510, depending on their condition after inspection.
- Approved acceptance of a \$33,715 Robokind Grant from the Indiana Department of Education. The grant will help purchase robotic technology and provide professional development to improve social, communi-

cation and behavioral skills of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

- Hired Joel Scroggin as the new head boys golf coach at the high school and Hanna Dickerson as first grade teacher at Rykers' Ridge Elementary. Approved retirements effective at the end of the school year for Brenda Galliher, eighth grade teacher at the junior high, and Diana Wehner, physical education teacher and Angela Elswick, Spanish teacher, both at the high school.

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of LifeSpring Health System, toured the building, as "not a good idea to put a mental health facility in a facility like this one, where we're trying to keep them out of."

Lee said they then explored converting the jail into offices, with the cost estimated at \$1.2 million for that renovation.

Finally, there was the idea

for the juvenile detention facility.

Council member Pam Crozier said a juvenile detention facility would meet a need for Jefferson County, even though she wishes that need didn't exist.

"I am really sad we have this upon our shoulders but I think for us to deny that we have the need would be silly of us, and we have the building, and the land, and structure, and now we just need to move forward in trying to figure it out. It's upon our shoulders to figure it out."

"We're very fortunate that

building that was built many years ago is suitable ... to serve in this function," said Shelton.

Nichols said all the situations when youth are housed in a juvenile detention center are heartbreaking. Even the worst case for the worst juveniles we hold breaks my heart. It's usually the ones that are really bad are the ones that touch my heart the most because what got you here? That's the big question."

In other business, the Council approved four interlocal agreements on 911 emergency

communications and the local animal shelter, an amendment to the county's public safety interlocal agreement with the city of Madison, and an agreement with the town of Hanover that allows the town to utilize County Building Inspector Josh Cline for building inspections in the town.

The 911 and animal shelter interlocal agreements were largely being driven by a need to change the make-up of those two boards.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:48 a.m.
Sunset: 5:21 p.m.
Temperature: High 33, Low 30, Mean 31.5; Deficit 7.6
Precipitation since last published: .30
Precipitation, December 2025: .72
Precipitation, 2025: 55.56
Barometer 29.91, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.50 feet, Rising
Forecast: Saturday: Snow High 31/Low 5; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 13/Low 1; Monday: Mostly cloudy High 28/Low 21; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 39/Low 33.

LOTTERIES

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Hoosier Lotto 7-14-17-34-42-46 (12/10). Estimated Jackpot: \$8 million. Next Drawing (12/13)

Cash Five: 12-17-20-26-32 (12/10)

Cash 4 Life: 10-32-34-45-56 CB: 2 (12/10)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 2-11-24-28 CB: 14 (12/10)

Lucky For Life: 5-7-14-16-45 LB: 11 (12/10)

MEGAMILLIONS: 19-32-41-49-66 MB: 6 (12/9). Next Jackpot: \$70 million. Next Drawing (12/12)

POWERBALL: 10-16-29-33-69 PB: 22, PP 3 (12/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$1 billion. Next Drawing (12/13)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 13-15-51-67-68 PB: 8 (12/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/13)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

- BIRTHDAYS**
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- Dec. 13**
Bill Poindexter
- Dec. 14**
Charles Gaddie
- Dec. 15**
Margaret Scott
- Dec. 17**
Larry Duke
John Haskell
- Dec. 18**
Julie Kish-Byrd
- Dec. 19**
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth 'Carole' Gallatin

Elizabeth 'Carole' Gallatin, age 86, of Madison, IN, and Fort Myers, FL, died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 at the Hickory Creek nursing facility in Madison, with her children by her side. She was born on Nov. 19, 1939, in Indianapolis, IN, to George and Elizabeth "Bettie" (McClamroch) Harting who preceded her in death. Carole graduated from Granville Wells High School in 1957 in Jamestown, IN. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington for a year before marrying her high school sweetheart, Carl "Roger" Gallatin, on June 26, 1960, in Jamestown. The couple moved to Madison, in 1962, when Roger began his teaching and coaching career, and Carole took on the role of a dedicated homemaker. They were soon blessed with three children: Holly, Kimberly, and Roger. Carole continued to care for their home and children with much love and dedication. Later, as her children became older, Carole dabbled in real estate before finding



her passion in education. She worked for one year at Madison Junior High School as support staff and then spent 20 years at Anderson Elementary School, where she wore many hats as secretary, managing bookkeeper, nurse, and more. Carole was truly the heartbeat of the school, serving half-a-dozen principals throughout her career. Carole and Roger purchased a home in Fort Meyers, FL, in 1995, and enjoyed 27 years of being snowbirds. Carole was an active and devoted member of her church communities, including RiverStone Church in Madison, IN, and Fort Myers Christian Church in Fort Myers,

FL. She volunteered for various roles and took great pleasure in singing with the choir. She was also involved in organizations such as the Psi Iota Xi sorority, where she served as President of the chapter for three years, and the P.T.O. at Anderson Elementary School, where she chaired the Fall Fair for two years. She was an avid reader; enjoyed sewing, quilting, knitting, and cross-stitch over the years; loved playing cards including being a part of a Bridge Club for many years; adored all crossword puzzles, word searches, and countless games, on her iPad. Carol was also a sports enthusiast, with a particular fondness for football. Her favorite place to be was on the beach soaking up the sun and collecting seashells.

She is survived by three children: Holly (Mark) Moore of Carmel, Indiana; Kimberly (Keith) Mahoney of Madison, and Roger Gallatin of Madison; eight grandchildren: Audrey (Matt) Swiderski of Denver, CO, Mitchell

Moore of Carmel, Kenton (Logann) Mahoney of Madison, Kyler (Kiersten) Mahoney of Madison, Kindsey (Jimmy) Duncan of Madison, Kaitlyn (Eric) Sowder of Walton, KY, Hannah (Cooper) Scherr of Burlington, KY, and Gabriel Gallatin of Dayton, KY; and her great grandchildren: Mila, Elsie, Blakely Sowders; Walker and Bennett Mahoney; Fielding and Magnolia Mahoney; Jamie and Colie Mae Duncan; and Ellis Swiderski. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pastor Brynen Chitwood will conduct memorial services at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, at the RiverStone Church, 2632 Michigan Road, Madison. Friends and family may visit from 3 p.m., until the time of the service on Monday at the church.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the RiverStone Church. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at www.lytlewelty.com.

Bryce Isaac Melton



Bryce Isaac Melton, age 18, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Sept. 27, 2007, in Louisville, KY. He was the loving son of Samuel Isaac Melton and Amelia Ann Gassert Tober. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County, and was a senior at Madison Consolidated High School. He also helped his dad in his construction business. He was looking forward to college and his goal to attend Indiana University Kelley School of Business. Bryce enjoyed gaming, studying History, watching sports with his dad, going to the Cincinnati Bengals games with his parents, he also enjoyed going to concerts with his sister, and his dad. Bryce liked traveling with his family and especially hanging out with friends, and family. He was known to be a very pragmatic individual who looked at life differently. Bryce died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, in New Washington, IN.

Bryce will be missed by his loving father, Samuel Isaac Melton of Madison, IN; his loving mother, Amelia Ann Gassert Tober and her husband, Michael of Hanover, Indiana; his loving sister, Ashley Melton of Hanover, IN; his paternal grandparents, Sam and Cathy Melton of Madison, IN; his maternal grandparents, Roger & Diane Gassert of Hanover, IN; his maternal great grandmothers, Deloris "Chicken" Bruther of Hanover, IN; Nadine Gassert of Hanover, IN; his uncles and his aunts, Lance & Brianne Gassert of Terre Haute, IN, Lyle and Gina Everett of Madison, IN, Seth and Natasha Melton of Madison, IN; his

cousins, John Henry Gassert, Elijah Gassert, Ava Gassert, Sam & Kyla Everett, Heidi Everett and her fiancée, Cris Dinofa, Nora Melton and Sara Melton; several great aunts, great uncles, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lydia Beardsley, Nelle Nay, Emery Nay and Charles Melton, his maternal great grandpas, Delbert "Deb" Bruther and Donnie Gassert.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Carmel Cemetery in Hanover, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bryce Melton Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Bobbie Jo Payne Mahoney

Bobbie Jo Payne Mahoney, age 86, of Milton, KY, entered this life on Dec. 24, 1938, in Coryell County, TX. She was the daughter of the late Kirk and Laura Waters Payne who raised her in a large family of nine children in Texas. Bobbie died on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in North Vernon, IN.

Bobbie will be missed by her daughters, Laura Sparks and her husband Kevin of Milton, KY, Vicki Land and her husband Jack of Ivanhoe, TX, and Marie Elifritz of Porter, TX; her son, Darrell Barski of Porter, TX; her step daughters, Belinda Fields and her husband Calvin of North Vernon, IN, Sue Donica of Brownstown, IN; her step sons, Doug Mahoney and his wife Laura of Tomball, TX, and Dennis Mahoney and his wife Terri of Scipio, IN; her 22 grandchildren; her 29 great grandchildren; her 13 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Peggy Bell of Gatlinburg, TN.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kirk Payne, her mother, Laura Waters Payne, her husband, E. Duane Mahoney, her brothers, James Payne, Bill Payne, Mike Payne and Wilbur Payne, and her sisters, Catherine Sorsby, Ger-aldean Payne, and Polly Roy.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025 at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive, Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Mahoney Cemetery near Milton, KY.

Friends may visit Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Charles Lucian Cain

Charles Lucian Cain, age 84, of Versailles, IN, formerly of Madison, entered this life on March 19, 1941, in Smithfield, KY. He was the loving son of the late Lucian T. and Birdie Cole Cain. Charles died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at 11 p.m., at the Silver Memories Nursing Home in Versailles, IN.

Charles had four children. He was preceded in death by his father, Lucian T. Cain, and his mother, Birdie Cole Cain.

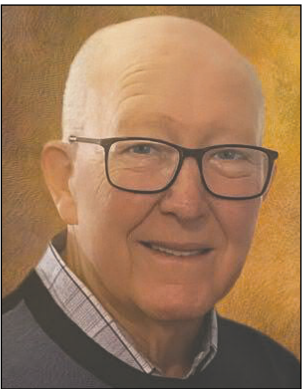
Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster at the Morgan

& Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN Interment will follow in the Valley of Rest Cemetery, 325 South First Street in La Grange, KY.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to Silver Memories Activities Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Jerry Lee Harmon



Jerry Lee Harmon, age 80, of Milton, KY, entered this life on March 4, 1945 in Trimble County, KY, near Bedford. He was the loving son of the late James Earl and Lucy Mae Carter Harmon. He was raised in Trimble County, and was a 1963 graduate of Trimble County High School. He then attended the University of Kentucky for one year. On June 26, 1964, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Regina Ann Andrew, in Milton, KY.

This happy union of 61 years was blessed with four wonderful children, Darren, Christina, Kelli, and Jodi. He worked early in life at Kawneer in Carrollton, and then retired after 35 years of service at Atofina Chemical where he was a chemical foreman. Jerry Loved his Lord and spending time reading his Bible, which he read through many times. He enjoyed

old western movies, UK football, and basketball, and growing a little garden. Jerry's greatest joy was spending time with all of his family. He was a forty-year member of the Madison Assembly of God Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher and as an elder. Jerry died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at 3:10 a.m, at his home in Milton, KY.

Jerry will be missed by his loving wife of 61 years, Regina Ann Andrew Harmon of Milton, KY; his loving son,

Darren L. Harmon and his wife, Paula of Madison, IN; his loving daughters, Christina Harmon of Freeport, FL, Kelli Todd and her husband, Scott of Madison, IN, Jodi Scroggins and her husband, Josh of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Raymond, Adell, (Jana), Kayla (Chris), Alex (Matthew), Brianna (Jeff), Hayden, Andrew, Kiera, Olivia, and Elijah; his great-grandchildren, Tanner, Madison, Hudson, Ava, Addie, and number six is on its way; his sister, Virginia Richmond of MD; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Earl Harmon, his mother, Lucy Mae Carter Harmon, his brothers, Sam Harmon, Bobby Harmon, Mickey Harmon, and Roger Harmon, his sisters, Betty Jo King and Thelma Mae Harmon, his father-in-law and mother-

in-law, Randall and Bonita Andrew, his sister-in-law, Marcia Morgan, his brother-in-law, Randy Andrew, his niece and his nephew, Amy Jo Perry and Cody Andrew.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Jason Dailey at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will be private in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY.

Friends may visit Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, from 12 - 3 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to Thrive Youth at the Madison Assembly of God Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Arthur Allen Large Jr.

Arthur Allen Large Jr., age 72, of Cross Plains, IN, entered this life on May 28, 1953, in Seymour, IN. He was the loving son of Arthur A. Sr., and Ruth Litton Large. Art died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at 8:47 p.m., at the Baptist Health-Louisville in Louisville, KY.

Art will be missed by his loving wife, Marilyn Ekstrom Murrilo Large of Cross Plains, IN; his daughters, Phyllis Wildman of North Vernon, IN, Marlina Wakefield of

Louisville, KY, Delynn Malicoat of Avon, IN, Patricia Johnson of Hanover, IN, Courtney Large of Louisville, KY, Belinda Wyatt of North Vernon, IN, Shannah Large of IN, Tori Large of North Vernon, IN; his sons, Justin Calaway of New Palistine, IN, Curtis Large of IN, Nathan Large of Madison, IN; 19-grandchildren; 2-great grandchildren; his sister, Doris Henderson of Indianapolis, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other

relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur A. Large, Sr., his mother, Ruth Litton Large, his sister, Joyce Burton, and his brothers, Danny Large and J.W. Large.

Friends may visit Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel

Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Phillip Layman 'Phil' Cloat, 76, of Switzerland County, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

James Scott Couch, 54, Carrollton, KY, died unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, in Carrollton. Arrangements by Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

Pamela Jane Green Demaree, 63, of Bedford, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at Baptist Hospital in La Grange, KY. Funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Stanley 'Sonny' Elston, 80, of Cross Plains, IN, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles,IN, with burial in Grandview

Memorial Gardens near Madison, www.skfuneralhome.com.

Gary Wayne Hilbert, 55, Sanders, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, in Sanders. No services are scheduled at this time but a remembrance of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, Ky, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Russell Lee Hornsby Jr., 74, of Vevay, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at his home. Funeral service was Thursday, Dec. 11, at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon, IN, with burial to follow in the Pisgah Cemetery in Jefferson County, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Mary Elizabeth Lucas Smith, 74, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

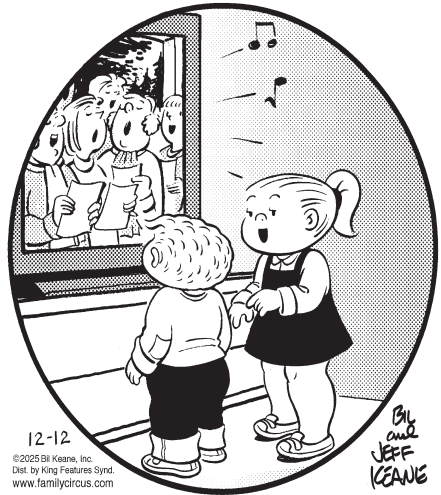
Beth Ann Eivich Swan, 66, of Union, KY, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Agnes Susan Ricketts Tingle, 100, of Bedford KY, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025. Funeral service was Friday, Dec. 5, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, with interment in the New Castle Cemetery there, www.prewitts.com.

Gary Allen Youngblood, 56, of Vevay, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN. Private family interment will take place at a later date in the Mahoney Cemetery in Bedford, KY, www.morgan-nay.com.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



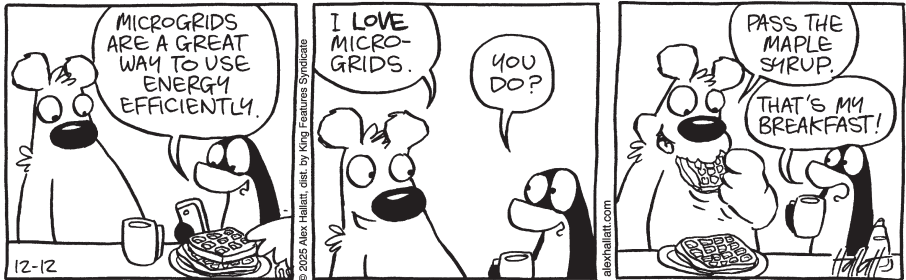
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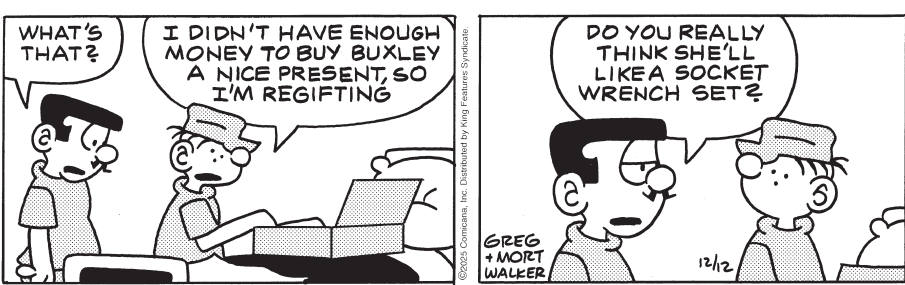
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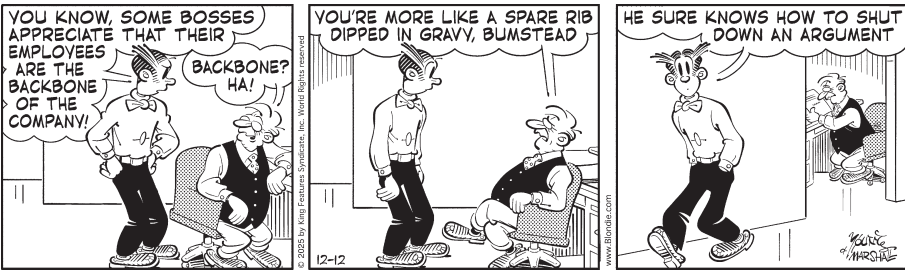
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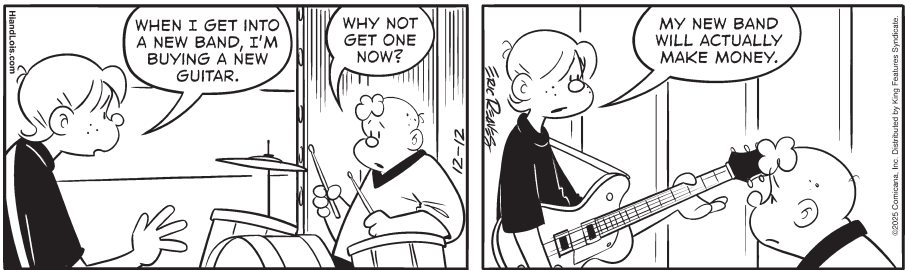
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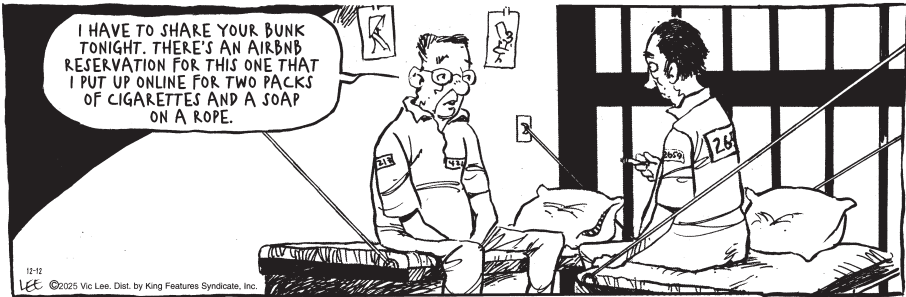
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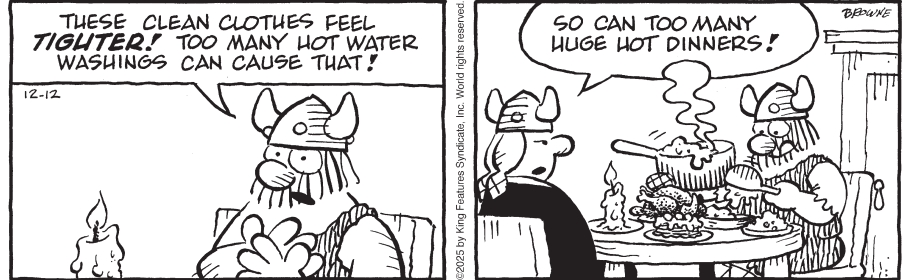
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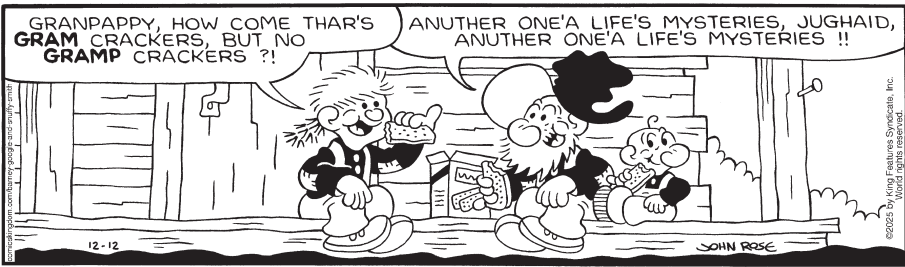
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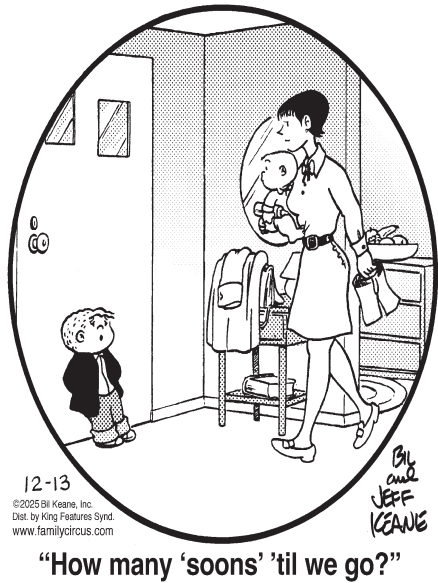


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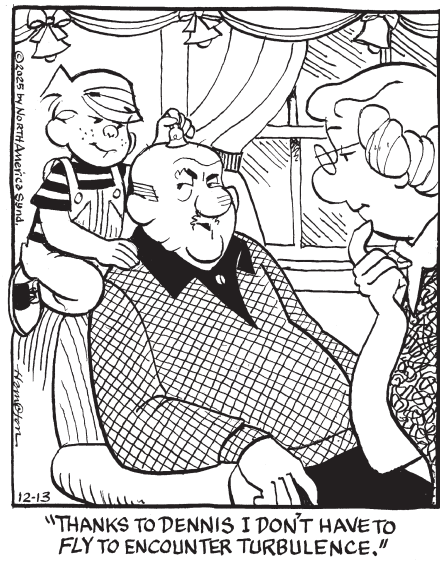


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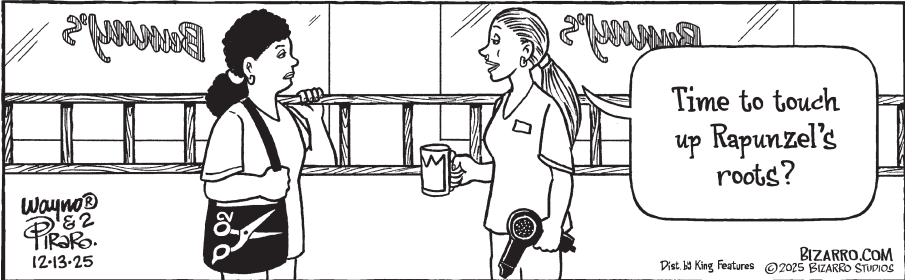
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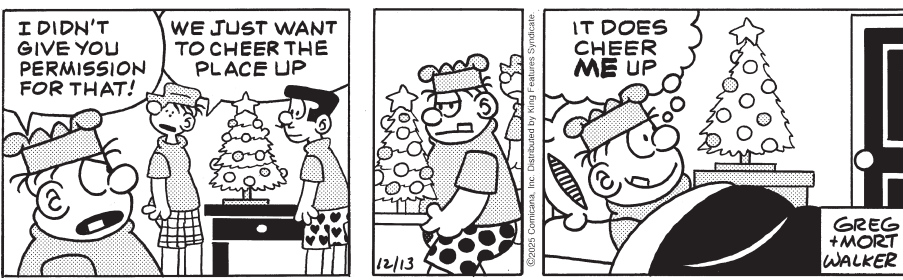
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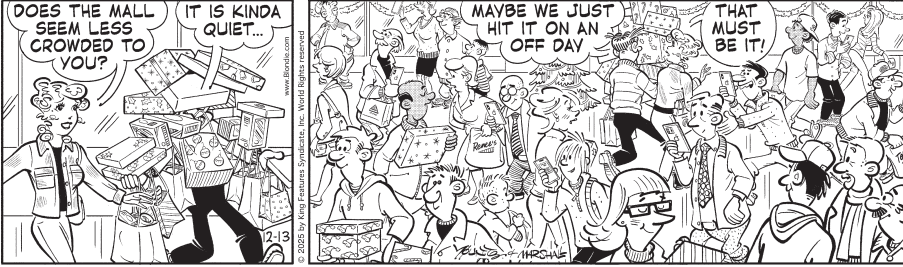
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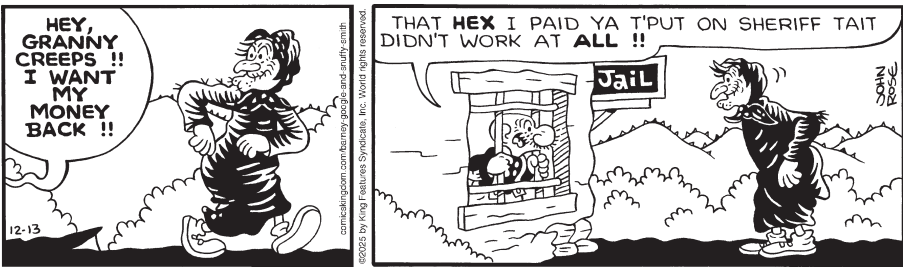
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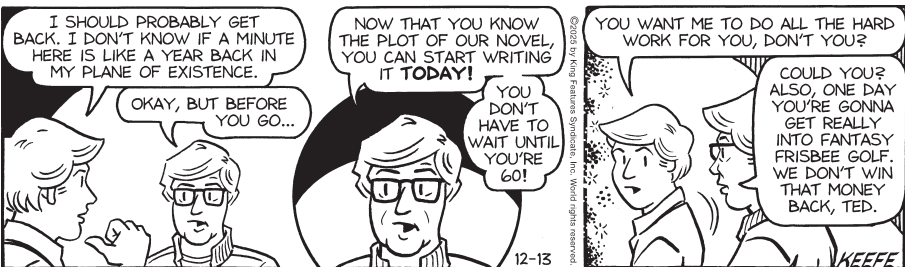
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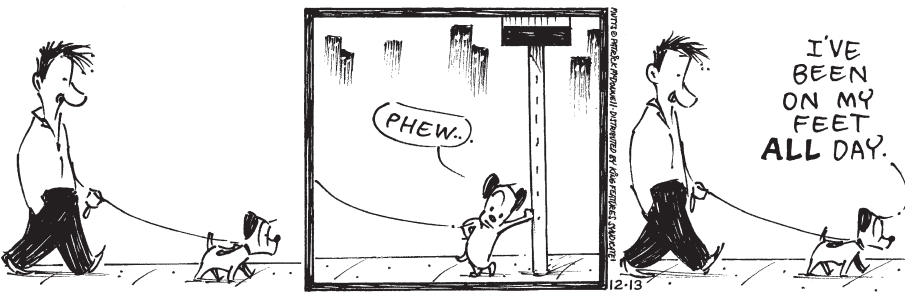
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Change in residence prompts Council President's resignation

BY BOB DEMAREE

Chris Shelton attended his last Jefferson County Council meeting Tuesday before resigning later this month because he is moving outside of the Council District 2 that he has represented since 2013. Shelton said his resignation will become effective Dec. 31, but there are no other Council meetings scheduled until next year.

Shelton has served on County Council for District 2 since September 2013 when he was elected in Republican caucus to complete the term of Dr. Kevin Britt, and then elected in 2014, and reelected in 2018 and 2022.

Shelton, who has served as Council president this year, ended the meeting thanking “everyone in the county. These past 12 years and almost four months have been pretty phenomenal.” He also thanked fellow County Council members and other elected

officials he has worked alongside.

“I have really enjoyed the opportunity to serve,” he said. “I would like to thank the citizens of Jefferson County for electing me on several occasions. It has been fulfilling to serve and have the opportunity to be involved in a lot of the bigger decisions that have been made, and to have a good team.”

Shelton gave special mention to Gary Armbrecht, stating he is the Council member he misses the most. “He taught me more than I thought I would ever learn in this position.” Armbrecht had who had an almost 40-year career with the Indiana State Board of Accounts, served on County Council from 2015-2018. “Gary was absolutely phenomenal.” Shelton also gave credit to former Council member Judy Smith for her support.

Shelton said it’s a “tough” decision to resign but “I

moved out of my voting district so I’m following the rules as what I should do.”

However, he did not rule out seeking elective office again in the future. “It will be the people’s choice whether I’m elected again or not. I certainly have enjoyed it. I will definitely miss it.”

Shelton served as Council President in 2017, 2018 and 2025, and Council Vice President in 2020, 2021 and 2024.

Council member Pam Crozier, who is also chair of the Jefferson County Republican Party, told Shelton, “We have appreciated your leadership and your collaboration over the years.”

Shelton has one year left on his current four-term which he was elected to in 2022. Crozier said a Republican caucus to choose someone living in District 2 to complete Shelton’s term will be held in early January.

Switzerland to replace bridge with \$850K from CCMG

BY BOB DEMAREE

Switzerland County will replace a bridge on Allensville Road with the \$858,396 Community Crossing Matching Grant the county was awarded this week.

Switzerland County is one of several CCMG recipients in the area that were announced Tuesday by Gov. Mike Braun.

The town of Dupont in Jefferson County was awarded \$15,734.48 that Dupont Clerk-Treasurer Robyn Meek said will be used to crack seal all of the town’s streets.

In Switzerland County, the town of Patriot was awarded \$100,444. Patriot Clerk-Treasurer Linda Fisk said the funds will be used for milling

and paving various streets in the town. “We were pretty happy to get it. We always appreciate it.”

The town of Vevay was awarded \$199,051.60 that will also be used for street paving.

As reported in Tuesday’s edition, Jefferson County was awarded \$582,015.20.

On Tuesday, Braun announced \$100 million in state matching funds for 191 Indiana cities, towns and counties. "When we invest in roads and bridges through these Community Crossings grants, we're helping communities attract new jobs, support Main Street businesses, and enhance quality of life for Hoosier families," said Braun. "I'm grateful for the strong partnerships with

our local leaders who are putting these dollars to work building a better Indiana.”

Communities submitted applications during a call for projects in October. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state’s local road and bridge matching grant fund. The program has provided more than \$2 billion for local road improvements since its inception in 2016.

"Community Crossings has benefitted nearly every city, town and county in the state of Indiana at least once," said Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure Matt Ubelhor. "Projects range from chip and crack sealing to paving to bridge rehabilitation and replacement on local roads."

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hits.

If art is more your thing, you’ll want to be at The SPOT Gallery on Mulberry Street this Friday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. They are having their Holiday Art Showcase, and the woman behind this event is Kim Nyberg. “We’ll have many local artists displaying new paintings,” says Kim, “along with lots of other goodies and treasures, perfect gifts for the art lovers on your list.”

For the movie buffs we have a nostalgic and fun series of shows coming up. The Ohio Theatre’s annual Holiday Film Series kicked off with “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Thursday, Dec. 11. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” will be screened on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m., and “White Christmas” will be shown on Sunday, Dec.14 at 4 p.m. They have even more holiday movie favorites later in the month, so keep an eye on their Facebook page. The couple behind all this Ohio Theatre magic is Chuck Requet and Elizabeth Auxier, and we owe them a big debt of gratitude for keeping the flame alive.

For something completely different you might want to check out the dramatic reading of Charles Dickens’ Christmas Carol at Gallery 115 on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The man behind this event is store owner and artist Eric Phagan, who explains, “The reading will be abridged from the full Dickens text, focusing on the more fun and popular parts of the story. It should be a really cozy and fun experience, maybe with some hot chocolate and cookies while you listen.”

This next event I men-

tioned in last week’s column, Stan Attenberger crooning everybody’s favorite holiday tunes at the Vintage Lanes Wine Bar on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. He’ll be playing every Sunday throughout December, so you have several chances to catch the show. But I wanted to call out the driving force behind all the great stuff happening at Vintage Lanes, Matt and Daniel Chandler. From their boutique hotel to the bowling lanes to the wine bar with Friday Jazz nights and the newly opened rooftop bar, these guys are singlehandedly transforming the tourism and entertainment scene in Madison. Hats off to them!

And finally, I want to give a shout out to Jessica Speiss at Historic Madison Inc. and her tireless efforts to invigorate our town’s many iconic historic properties. She’s been booking music concerts into the various sites for a couple years now, and the Harp Sisters show on Friday, Dec. 19, at St. Michael the Archangel church has officially sold out! Great work Jess. It’s so exciting to see the old homes and venues continue to be a vibrant part of our community.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

As I do the music calendar every week, I get a feel for the evolving scene and where the music is happening consistently. The venue I’ve been noticing lately is Mad Paddle Brewstillery as they have been booking great music pretty much every weekend and really building a following of loyal music-loving customers. It’s hard to believe they just celebrated their one-year anniversary under the new ownership of Travas and Brenda Cooper. Check it out if you haven’t been yet. But they aren’t the only game in town, of course.

Rivertown Grill always has music, Thomas Family Winery is a reliable spot for Saturday nights, and Tailgators up on the hill-top has kept up the pace. I’m leaving some out, but just look at the calendar, you’ll see them all. It’s a delicious Christmas pudding of live entertainment this weekend. Get out there and take a big bite!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE
Friday, Dec. 12

Thomas Family Winery – A Jolly Christmas! with Stan & Brook (6 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Four Piece Chicken Dinner Band (7 p.m.)
Vintage Lanes – Jazz (7-9 p.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall – A Red Bike Tribute to Black Sabbath (8 p.m.)
Ohio Theatre – The Rumors (8 p.m.)
TailGators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Dirty Laundry (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 13

Thomas Family Winery – Fifth Seal (7-10 p.m.)
The Drake – Scotty Butters (7-10 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Joe & Deano (8-11 p.m.)
TailGators – One-Eye Willie Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Central Hotel – Ragtop Deluxe (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Vaguely Familiar (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
VFW – Legacy Band (8 p.m.-Midnight)

Sunday, Dec. 14

Vintage Lanes – Stan Attenberger Acoustic Holiday (6-8 p.m.)
TailGators – Pool Tournament with Willie Sedam (7 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)



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Four Costly Medicare Misconceptions That Can Derail Your Retirement Plan



meeting the 24-month waiting period. If you are disabled, knowing your true eligibility date is critical to ensuring seamless and timely access to medical care.

Myth 2: My poor health or pre-existing conditions will affect my coverage or premium.

This is a deep-seated fear, but it is incorrect for core Medicare coverage.

The Reality: Your health status does not impact your eligibility or premium for Original Medicare (Parts A and B) or Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C). Medicare cannot deny coverage or raise rates due to pre-existing conditions.

However, the one exception is highly strategic: Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans.

You have a guaranteed right to buy any Medigap plan, regardless of health, only if you enroll during your one-time Medigap Open Enrollment Period (the six months after your 65th birthday and Part B becomes effective).

If you miss this period and try to enroll later, insurance companies can legally reject your application or charge significantly higher premiums based on your health status. This is one of the most common, and financially severe, planning mistakes retirees make.

Myth 3: I will automatically get Medicare coverage when I turn 65. This belief is a dangerous half-truth that leads to the most common (and permanent) financial penalties.

The Reality: Enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B is only automatic if you are already receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits at least four months before you turn 65.

If you are receiving benefits, you will automatically be mailed your “Welcome to Medicare” package. If you have not started Social Security benefits, you must actively enroll in Medicare when you turn 65. Missing your 7-month Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) can result in a lifetime of late enrollment penalties for Part B (and Part D) that increase your premium every year, and can delay the start of your coverage.

Myth 4: I won’t qualify for

Medicare because I never worked or worked for only a short time. This assumption leads many non-working spouses to delay enrollment, sometimes resulting in penalties.

The Reality: You qualify for Medicare if you are 65 years or older and are a U.S. citizen or legal resident, regardless of your personal work history.

Part A Cost: Your work record determines if you pay a premium for Part A (Hospital Insurance). You qualify for premium-free Part A if you paid Medicare payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Spousal Eligibility: If you lack 40 quarters, you can still qualify for premium-free Part A based on your spouse’s work record, provided the spouse is at least 62 years old. If you paid taxes for fewer than 40 quarters and cannot use a spouse’s record, you will pay a significant monthly Part A premium.

Summing it up: The Cost of Misconception In today’s economy, where healthcare costs and Part B premiums are a major retirement expense, neglecting proper Medicare planning is a critical financial error. The risks-especially the lifetime late enrollment penalties and the loss of your Medigap guaranteed issue rights-are permanent and can seriously strain your budget. Avoiding these adverse outcomes depends on careful, strategic Medicare planning utilizing a qualified Medicare expert’s services.

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Sports

Madison swimmers post 7 wins in team losses at Floyd Central

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's swims teams both suffered losses at Floyd Central on Tuesday.

Despite the team losses, the Cubs had several impressive individual performances including seven victories.

Lilly Canida and Lilly Dattilo each claimed four wins to lead the Madison girls.

Canida won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 butterfly while Dattilo won the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. The pair then teamed up with Tayleigh Johnson and Ava Canida to win the 200 medley relay

and with Ava Canida and Alejandra Schutte to win the 400 freestyle relay.

Schutte had a pair of individual wins to go with her relay win, claiming the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Other top three finishes for the Madison girls were: Johnson,

second, 100 free and third, 100 breast; Ava Canida, 100 back and third, 200 IM; and Johnson, Kira Brittain, Sarah Ricketts and Schutte, second, 200 free relay.

Top three finishes for the Madison boys were: Cole Goodknight, William Overpeck, Garrett Klein and Trenton Schafer, second,

200 medley relay; Klein, Owain Kelsey, Goodknight and Schafer, second, 400 free relay; Klein, third, 100 fly; and Goodknight, third, 100 back.

Madison traveled to Greensburg on Thursday and competes at Southwestern on Thursday, Dec. 18.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: 10th-ranked Madison hammers New Washington 75-17

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Class 3A No. 10 Madison showed no rust from a near two-week layoff with a 75-17 dismantling of New Washington girls basketball at home on Tuesday.

Due to weather cancellations, the Cubs had not played since beating Southwestern in the annual Turkey Shootout. But Madison put on a clinic, outscoring the Mustangs 24-3 in the first quarter and 20-1 in the second to build an eventual 60-point lead.

New Washington shot just 27% from the floor and turned the ball over 28 times, 21 of which came off Madison steals as the Cubs outscored the Mustangs 48-0 off turnovers.

Junior Kenzie Smith led the way for Madison with a career-high 22 points on 8-of-10 shooting overall — including 6-of-7 on 3-pointers — to go with eight rebounds.

Juliana Davis had 16 points and four steals for Madison, Kylie Montgomery had 14 points and Mylee McQueary had 12 points and seven rebounds. The Cubs shot 53% from the floor and hit nine 3-pointers.

Madison, now 7-0, is off to its best start to a season since the 2013-14 campaign when the Cubs went 17-3. Madison travels to Seymour on Saturday and hosts Class 3A No. 6 Jennings County on Thursday, Dec. 18.



David Campbell

Madison's Kylie Montgomery (5) sprints away from New Washington's Sophia Bramble (10) during the Cubs' win over the Mustangs at Salm Gym on Tuesday.

Madison 69-52 in boys basketball Tuesday at home.

Hambrick broke the mark of eight held by Jacob Hertz and Luke Higgins and finished the game with a career-high 34 points as well as seven rebounds. Loren Stiver also had a big game, hitting four triples and scoring a career-high 25 points in the win.

"Cavaan was hot and the

team found him all night and he got on a roll especially in the third quarter," Shawe coach Dan Hambrick said. "Loren scored from inside and out while Gus Grote distributed the ball getting a career high 10 assists. When those two are hot and Gus is handling the ball we are pretty good. This group has worked hard over the years and it is great to

see it pay off."

Micah Kummer led CAM with 22 points, Conner Hostetler had 17 and Asher Gamble scored 11.

Shawe, now 2-3 on the season, travels to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday and hosts Class 2A No. 2 South Ripley next Wednesday.

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AJ Mast/AP Photo

Ohio State's Julian Sayin throws with pressure from Indiana's Stephen Daley during the first half of the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game in Indianapolis, Saturday, Dec. 6.

Celebration Injury May Sideline Indiana's Daley

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Defensive end Stephen Daley is expected to miss the College Football Playoff after getting injured during No. 1 Indiana's Big Ten championship celebration.

Coach Curt Cignetti made the announcement Wednesday.

"I can confirm that he did sustain an injury, a serious injury that will probably make him not available for the remainder of the season," said Cignetti, who was unaware Daley had been hurt until long after the game's conclusion.

A social media video showed Daley appearing to land awkwardly on his right leg while high-fiving fans moments after the Hoosiers completed a 13-10 victory over Ohio State to capture their first Big Ten title since 1967, their first outright crown since 1945 and reaching 13-0 for

the first time in school history. The victory also secured a second straight playoff berth for Indiana.

The top-seeded Hoosiers have a first-round bye and will face either No. 8 Oklahoma (10-2) or No. 9 Alabama (10-3) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Daley was a lightly recruited player in his home state of Virginia but played a key role for Cignetti after transferring from Kent State to Indiana this season. He had 38 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 5 1/2 sacks, two forced fumbles and one pass breakup this season, earning all-Big Ten honorable mention honors.

"I was still processing the whole thing because it was sort of unbelievable when I heard about it," Cignetti said, referring to what he told reporters Sunday. "I think that is why I said we had nobody hurt in the game, during the game."

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Southwestern's Brady Cook has been named the Ohio River Valley Conference boys basketball player of the week.

Cook had 28 points and 11 rebounds in two games for the Rebels.

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— Southwestern defeated Shawe 28-13 in junior varsity boys basketball Friday

at Shawe.

John Bachman led the Rebels with 10 points and Turner Trapp had seven.

Shawe defeated Trimble County 41-28 at home on Tuesday. Pedro Gondim had 12 points for the Hilltoppers, Taylor Ralston scored 11 and David Moc added eight.

Shawe is now 4-1 on the season.

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— Shawe Junior High boys basketball

lost a pair of games at home to Jac-Cen-Del on Wednesday.

The seventh grade lost 33-8. Jack Chase scored three points for the Hilltoppers.

The eighth grade lost 44-38. Patrick Kahn had 23 points, Tanner Sims scored six and Ayden Dempler and Daeson Boggs scored four each.

Shawe travels to Southwestern next Wednesday.

Notre Dame's Love, Indiana's Mendoza, Vanderbilt's Pavia, Ohio State's Sayin named Heisman finalists

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Notre Dame running back Jeremiah Love, Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza, Vanderbilt quarterback Diego Pavia and Ohio State quarterback Julian Sayin are the finalists for the Heisman Trophy given to the top player in college football.

The Heisman Trophy Trust announced the four finalists Monday night who are invited to New York for the award presentation Saturday night.

Love is fourth in the Bowl Subdivision in yards rushing (1,372), fifth in per-game average (114.33) and third with 18 rushing touchdowns for the ninth-ranked Fighting Irish, who missed out on a College Football Playoff bid and opted not to play in a bowl game.



AJ Mast

Indiana's Fernando Mendoza celebrates after the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game against Ohio State in Indianapolis, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025.

Mendoza has guided the Hoosiers to their first No. 1 ranking and the top seed in the 12-team CFP bracket,

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 12
BASKETBALL
Trimble Co. girls at Henry Co., 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys hosts Gallatin, 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys host South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13
BASKETBALL
Southwestern girls host South Central, noon
Madison girls at Seymour, 1:30 p.m.
Hanover men at Manchester, 2 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host North Oldham, 2:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Manchester, 4 p.m.
Shawe girls host Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.
Madison boys host Brownstown, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Batesville, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. at Seymour, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING
Madison boys at Columbus North Invite, 9 a.m.
Madison girls at Indian Creek Invite, 9 a.m.
Southwestern boys, Evansville Memorial Invite, 9 a.m.
Switzerland Co. boys, Chatard Invite, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
No local events

Tuesday, Dec. 16
BASKETBALL
Trimble Co. girls host Carroll Co., 6 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Eastern, 6 p.m.
Madison boys at North Decatur, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Carroll Co., 8 p.m.

SWIMMING
Southwestern hosts Shawe, Charlestown, South Ripley, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co., Rivertown Classic at Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.

KENTUCKY PREP ROUNDUP: Late FTs lift Eminence boys over Carroll

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Eminence hit three free throws in the final 13 seconds to take down Carroll County 63-61 in a 31st District boys basketball matchup on Tuesday in Eminence.

Carroll County started fast, leading 19-9 after the first quarter before the Warriors closed within 31-27 at halftime.

Eminence carried that momentum over into the third quarter to lead 50-43 by the end of the quarter and 60-50 with 2:40 left in the game.

Carroll then went on an 11-0 run to push ahead 61-60 on a pair of free throws by Rylan Kinman with 32.5 seconds left.

The Warriors then dropped in three clutch free throws and earned a huge defensive stop in the final seconds to close out their first win of the season.

Two Warrior players sealed the victory. Connor Yenshaw was fouled on a jumper and made the first free throw to tie the game. His miss was rebounded Tavion Chambers who was fouled on a put-back attempt but then made both shots from the foul line to give Eminence a two-point lead.

The Warriors then stole the ball on Carroll County's final play to seal the win

Kinman led Carroll County with 20 points, Blake Webster scored 14 points, Matthew Biggin had 12 and Hunter Dalton added 11.

Carroll, now 0-3 overall, 0-1 31st District, hosted Gallatin County on Thursday in another district seed game and heads to Trimble County for a boys-girls doubleheader on Tuesday.

CARROLL GIRLS DEALT 1ST SETBACK

After opening the season with three straight wins, Carroll County girls basketball suffered a 54-35 setback at Eminence on Monday in the Panthers' 31st District opener.

The host Warriors utilized a 20-0 run early in the game to create separation and withstood a late push by the Lady Panthers to move to 2-0 on the season.



Abby Hooven

Carroll County's Blake Webster drives Eminence defender Brady White during Tuesday's boys basketball game in Eminence. Webster scored 14 points but the Panthers lost 63-61 on late free throws by the Warriors.

Eminence actually led 21-4 early in the second quarter before Carroll broke the big run. But the damage was done and the Warriors led 31-16 at halftime and 42-22 at the end of the third to cruise to the win.

The Panthers cut into the Eminence lead late with Carroll senior forward Josie Dale leading the way with a dozen points including nine in the fourth quarter.

Carroll Senior guard Hemi Dickerson scored 10 and freshman Lyra McKinney and sophomore Amberlee Scooler added five points each.

Carroll, now 3-1 overall and 0-1 31st District, hosted Gallatin County on Thursday and heads to Trimble County on Tuesday for a boys-girls double-

header.

TRIMBLE BOYS CLAIM 1ST WIN

Trimble County boys basketball scored its first win of the season, a 55-46 victory at Frankfort Christian on Monday.

Liam Taylor and Drake Penix each scored 15 points for the Raiders while Briley Clifford and Zach Rice scored seven points each.

Trimble then fell 61-39 at home to Dayton on Wednesday.

Clifford had 13 points to lead the Raiders and Kane Walls scored six.

Trimble, now 1-3 on the season, heads to Henry County on Friday before hosting Carroll County as part of a boys-girls doubleheader on Tuesday.

Arizona takes No. 1 in AP Top 25 men's basketball poll, Iowa State up to No. 4, Gonzaga into top 10

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Arizona took over the top spot in the AP Top 25 men's college basketball poll on Monday, a reward for a perfect start to the season that includes a quartet of wins against ranked foes, including a lopsided victory over Auburn last weekend.

Purdue, which had spent the past three weeks at No. 1, slid to sixth following its 81-58 home loss to Iowa State and the entire poll got a shakeup as only two teams remained in the same spots from last week.

The Wildcats received 33 of 60 first-place votes from a national media panel to claim No. 1 for the first time since Dec. 11, 2023, and only the third time since the 2013-14 season. They edged No. 2 Michigan, which earned 19 first-place votes, thanks in part to wins over Florida, UConn and UCLA, along with their 97-68 romp over the then-No. 20 Tigers on Saturday night.

"Obviously it's nothing you shy away from," Wildcats coach Tommy Lloyd said of being No. 1. "You know, you're at Arizona. The big stage. It's part of being at a program like this. But we have bigger things on our mind."

The Wolverines also moved up one spot for their best ranking since March 2021. Duke claimed six first-place votes and moved up to No. 3. And the Cyclones parlayed their big win in West Lafayette, Indiana, into a six-spot climb to No. 4 and a first-place vote. Iowa State has never been ranked No. 1 in the AP poll era, which



Rick Scuteri/AP Photo

Arizona guard Brayden Burries (5) reacts after scoring against Auburn during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Saturday, Dec. 6, in Tucson, Ariz.

began with the 1948-49 season.

"They stole our spirit," said Purdue coach Matt Painter, whose team tied a record for largest margin of defeat at home as the nation's No. 1 team. "Our reason for having a high frustration level was them. They're damn good. They took us to the woodshed."

UConn remained ahead of Purdue at No. 5 after beating Kansas inside Allen Fieldhouse last week.

Houston was seventh, Gonzaga climbed three spots to eighth, Michigan State was ninth and BYU rounded the top 10 following a week of high-profile matchups across college basketball.

Louisville dropped five spots to No. 11 after losing to Arkansas. Alabama remained at No. 12, followed by Illinois, North Carolina and Vanderbilt, the only unbeaten team left in the SEC and one of just eight left in

Division I men's basketball.

Texas Tech was next, followed by the Razorbacks, who jumped eight spots after also beating Fresno State last week. Florida fell to No. 18 following its 67-66 loss to the Blue Devils, while Kansas moved up to No. 19 and Tennessee finished out the top 20.

The last five in the poll were Auburn, St. John's, Nebraska, Virginia and UCLA.

The No. 23 Huskers are 9-0 for only the third time in school history, and they have won 13 straight dating to last season, the third-longest run in school history. The ranking is their best since they were 21st the second week of the 2014-15 season.

RIISING AND FALLING

Arkansas was No. 14 in the preseason poll, nearly dropped out entirely, but made a big jump this week back to No. 17 following its two wins. Iowa State's climb

to No. 4 has been a steady one since it was ranked 16th in the preseason poll.

Tennessee tumbled seven spots to No. 20 this week following losses to Syracuse and Illinois. Purdue and Louisville each fell five spots.

IN AND OUT

Nebraska and Virginia both made their poll debuts, replacing Indiana and USC. The Cavaliers did not receive a single vote last week but earned enough to join the rankings at No. 24. UCLA also returned to the rankings while Kentucky dropped out.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12, Big Ten and SEC lead the way with six ranked teams apiece, but the Big 12 has the nation's No. 1 team. It also has four in the top 10, while the Big Ten has three and the SEC none. The ACC has four ranked teams, the Big East two and the West Coast one.



Ryan Sun/AP Photo

Former Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers watches warmups before an NFL football game between the Chargers and the Denver Broncos, Dec. 10, 2023, in Inglewood, Calif.

Colts sign 44-year-old Rivers with QB injuries mounting

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

in the tank?

In his first and only season with Indy, it appeared his arm strength already was diminished though he masterfully navigated the Colts through a season unlike any other — playing in front of empty or sparsely-populated stadiums because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also unclear is whether the Colts will need him this weekend.

Jones was having a career year and had entered the midseason MVP discussion but had struggled over the last five games. He also played through a lower leg injury that impeded his mobility during each of Indy's last three losses.

Then Sunday, he crumpled to the ground and grabbed toward his lower right leg on a play he did not take a hit. He slammed his helmet into the ground before limping off the field. Jones later returned to the rainy sideline in a protective walking boot.

"He'll have surgery within the week," Steichen said Monday. "Obviously, just really feel for him, just an unfortunate situation. The work he puts in, the grind, a team captain for us. One of the toughest guys I've ever been around. Just praying for a speedy recovery for him."

Leonard did a solid job in relief of Jones, going 18 of 29 for 145 yards and one interception in his most extensive action since Notre Dame lost last year's national championship game. When he reported to the team headquarters Monday, they found out Leonard also had been hurt during the game.

The orbital bone injury to Anthony Richardson, the No. 4 draft pick in 2023, only compounded the problem. He still has not been activated from injured reserve to practice and Steichen said Monday he did not expect Richardson's status to change this week either.

That left the Colts with only one other option — veteran Brett Rypien, who has not been elevated from the practice squad to the active roster since he was signed in mid-October — if Leonard can't play this weekend.

So they added Rivers, who was with the San Diego/Los Angeles Chargers when Steichen was serving as the team's quarterbacks coach and interim offensive coordinator. Oddly, Leonard played prep ball at a different high school in Fairhope.

And now all three will be working together to try and help Indy turn things around as they enter a brutal final four-game stretch to salvage their playoff hopes.

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts bolstered their injury-depleted quarterback corps Tuesday by bringing 44-year-old Philip Rivers out of retirement and signing him to the practice squad, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team had not yet made an official announcement.

The move comes less than 24 hours after Colts coach Shane Steichen confirmed Indy's starter, Daniel Jones, would miss the rest of this season after tearing his right Achilles tendon and backup Riley Leonard injured his right knee during Sunday's loss at Jacksonville.

Rivers hasn't taken a snap since finishing his career with a playoff loss following the Colts 2020 season. That was the last time Indy (8-5) made the postseason. The eight-time Pro Bowler announced his retirement in January 2021 and has been coaching St. Michael High School in Fairhope, Alabama, ever since.

But it's not clear how long it will take Rivers to learn Indy's playbook — or work his way into game shape — as the reeling Colts try to snap a three-game losing streak next weekend at Seattle (10-3).

"Things happen, wacky stuff has happened in this league, your depth gets tested, your resolve gets tested as you get thrown into some adversity as a unit, as a coaching staff, as a position group," offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter said, declining to take specific questions about Rivers. "We've been through some fire out there, but our coaching staff's excited to draw a plan up and teach it."

Neither Steichen nor players were made available because the Colts typically take Tuesday off.

Rivers rejoins a team desperately trying to rebound from its worst stretch of the season, four losses in five games. The result: Indy has fallen out of the race for the AFC's top seed and is tied for second in the AFC South with Houston (8-5), one game behind division leader Jacksonville (9-4).

Rivers ranked among the NFL's career leaders in yards passing with 63,440, 421 touchdown passes and 12 4,000-yard seasons when he retired and was a semifinalist in his first year of eligibility for the Pro Football Hall of Fame last month.

So the question is how much does Rivers have left

Stoops owed nearly \$37.7M as Stein takes over at Kentucky

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — New Kentucky football coach Will Stein's deal will pay him \$28.5 million over five years, while fired coach Mark Stoops will be paid nearly \$37.7 million in

severance paid out through the 2030-31 contract year.

The school released a term sheet outlining details of Stein's deal and Stoops' separation agreement Monday night.

Stein's deal has \$100,000 annual

increases in the salary, as well as up to \$2.15 million annually in performance incentives. If Kentucky fires Stein without cause, he would receive 70% of the remaining salary, paid monthly over the agreement's remaining term.

Stein had previously worked as

Oregon's offensive coordinator.

As for Stoops, he was due to receive more than \$3.9 million in a lump sum within 15 days of the Dec. 1 separation. He would then be paid \$6.75 million quarterly each year until April 1, 2031. Those payments would not be subject

to mitigation, meaning a reduction based on earnings from future employment.

The agreement spreads out the payments over years rather than within 60 days as his contract previously stipulated.

Smith, Kaufman-Renn help No. 6 Purdue rebound with dominant 85-57 win over Minnesota

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTLAFAYETTE, Ind. — Braden Smith had 15 points, 12 assists and six rebounds, and Trey Kaufman-Renn added 14 points and 10 rebounds before departing early Wednesday night as No. 6 Purdue blew out Minnesota 85-57.

The Boilermakers (9-1, 2-0 Big Ten) sent a resounding statement in their first game since tying the record for the largest home loss by a No. 1 ranked team. Purdue lost by 23 points to then No. 10

Iowa State on Saturday.

There was no repeat, thanks largely to a suffocating defense. Purdue still hasn't lost consecutive home games since February 2020. Oscar Cluff added 14 points and 11 rebounds and Fletcher Loyer finished with 10 points.

Jaylen Crocker-Johnson led Minnesota with 17 points. Cade Tyson scored 15 as Minnesota shot a dismal 35.7% from the field and was even worse, 6 of 25, on 3-pointers. Purdue also had a 46-23 rebounding advantage.

Purdue sealed the victory by

starting the second half on a 31-4 run while limiting Minnesota (5-5, 1-1) to just two baskets over a span of nearly 11 minutes. The spurt left the Golden Gophers facing an insurmountable 66-36 deficit.

It didn't start that way, though. After Purdue built an early 23-13 cushion, the Gophers charged back by cutting the deficit to 35-32 at the half.

Smith moved within one assist of joining D.J. Cooper as the only Division I players to record 1,500 points, 850 assists and 550 rebounds in their careers. Cooper played at Ohio

from 2013-16.

UP NEXT
Minnesota: Returns home to face Texas Southern on Sunday.
Purdue: Hosts Marquette on Saturday.

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Indiana Cruises Behind Wilkerson’s Career-High 44

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Lamar Wilkerson racked up a career-high 44 points as Indiana reached the century mark for the fourth time this season in their 113-72 win over Penn State on Tuesday.

Wilkerson was an efficient 16-for-22 from the field, 10-for-15 from deep, and made each of his two free throws. He also dished four assists and grabbed four rebounds.

A senior transfer from Sam Houston, Wilkerson's 10 threes set a single-game Indiana record, and his 44 points set a single-game record at Indiana's Assembly Hall.

Reed Bailey had 18 points, Tayto Conerway scored 17, Nick Dorn tallied 13, and Tucker Devries had 12 to join Wilkerson in double-digits for the Hoosiers (8-2, 1-1 Big Ten). Conor Enright had eight assists to lead his team, and Trent

Sisley grabbed eight rebounds.

After Penn State made the first basket of the game, Wilkerson's first three-pointer gave Indiana the lead, and they did not surrender it for the rest of the game. They built a 58-26 lead at halftime, and led by as many as 49

in the second half.

Kayden Mingo paced the Nittany Lions (8-2, 0-1) with 19 points on 6-of-11 shooting.

Indiana was 69% shooting and 55% from beyond the arc. Their 17 total three-pointers is tied for third in program history.

UP NEXT

Indiana heads to Kentucky and Penn State visits No. 9 Michigan State on Saturday.

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throwing for 2,980 yards and a national-best 33 touchdown passes while also running for six scores.

He is the second Heisman finalist in school history, joining 1989 runner-up Anthony Thompson. Mendoza is the seventh Indiana player to earn a top-10 finish and it marks another first in program history — having back-to-back players in the top 10. Hoosiers quarterback Kurtis Rourke was ninth last year.

Pavia has thrown for a school-record 3,192 yards and 27 touchdowns for the No. 13 Commodores. He is the first Heisman finalist in Vanderbilt history.

Sayin led the Buckeyes to a No. 1 ranking for most of the season, throwing for 3,329 yards while tying for second in the country with

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for a public CMA project under IC 5-32:

By: CORE Construction, 9001 Wesleyan Road Suite #110, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (CMA) On behalf of: **Madison Consolidated Schools**

Project: E.O. Muncie Demolition

Sealed bids will be received up to **11:00 am (EDT) on January 8, 2026.**

Public Bid Opening will be held on **January 8, 2026, at 11:00 am (EDT)** at the following location.

Madison Consolidated Schools
2421 Wilson Ave, Madison, IN 47250

Bidders may request the Pre-Qualification Form and the Bid Documents electronically by emailing such requests to ryanalbright@coreconstruction.com.

Bid Security in the amount of five (5) % of the amount of the Bid, must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Dated the 8th day of December 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation

Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriations

Notice is hereby given that the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. EST in the Board Room located at 273 South Main Cross Street, Hanover, IN, to consider an additional appropriation of \$12,800,796 for the Education Fund and \$4,026,091 for the Operations Fund for the 2026 Budget.

The proposed additional appropriations are necessary to fund the 2026 Budget. After Board approval this will be sent to the Department of Local Government and Finance for final approval of the 2026 Budget.

All interested taxpayers are invited to attend the Public Hearing and express their views on the proposed additional appropriations.

Laura Boldery
Chief Financial Officer
Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation
239 South Main Cross Street
Hanover, IN 47243

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Switzerland Circuit Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2501-MF-000033, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Matthew W. Johnston, Jayme E. Johnston, United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 13th day of January, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 405 Liberty Street, Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana. York Township: A part of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, York Township, Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1353.51 feet; thence south 88 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds west 1797.55 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 675.52 feet; thence north 60 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds east 42.32 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 719.01 feet to a rebar set, the point of beginning; thence continuing north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 931.89 feet to a nail set in the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road; thence along the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road the following four courses: north 89 degrees 53 minutes 11 seconds east 152.79 feet to a nail set; south 83 degrees 36 minutes 23 seconds east 50.60 feet to a nail set; south 72 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds east 49.85 feet to a nail set; south 55 degrees 31 minutes 37 seconds east 65.09 feet to a nail set; thence south 19 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds west 926.34 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.3905 acres. More commonly known as 9599 Hominy Ridge Rd, Florence, IN 47020-9665 Parcel No. 78-10-20-900-012.015-008 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. /s/ Matthew S. Love MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney # 18762-29 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 Brian Morton, Sheriff York Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. SERVICE DIRECTED TO: Matthew W. Johnston PO Box 237 Patriot, IN 47038-0237 Service Type: Serve By Certified Mail Jayme E. Johnston 9599 Hominy Ridge Rd Florence, IN 47020-9665 Service Type: Serve By Sheriff NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

CAUSE NO. 37791 GCA 120 PETITION OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY NATURAL GAS CO., INC. FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH IND. CODE § 8-1-2-42(g).

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in **Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 9:00 AM on January 20, 2026.** This hearing is open to the public. If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

317.232.2701

BY: IURC – Kristin Kresge, ALJ

DATE: December 5, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND)
IN THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT)
CAUSE NUMBER:)
78C01-2509-JT-000004)
78C01-2509-JT-000005)
78C01-2509-JT-000006)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
TERMINATION OF THE)
PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:)
ZH - DOB 3/6/2018)
WH - DOB 6/30/2020 MH -)
DOB 12/15/2022)
AND)
CHYNA HICKMAN (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER))
STEVEN HICKMAN (BIOLOGICAL FATHER))

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING

TO: Steven Hickman
Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. **YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Switzerland Circuit Court, 212 West Main Street, Vevay, IN 47043 - 812-427-3410 for a(n) Termination Hearing on 2/11/2026 at 9:00 AM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said children.

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said children; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said children.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship. If you have been appointed an attorney in the Child in Need of Services action involving the above-named child(ren), that attorney may not be automatically appointed to represent you in these proceedings. You must appear at the hearing currently scheduled in this matter and request that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you in these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

Clerk

Michelle Hicks, #22997-53
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS:)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-511-EU-000086)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF FRANCES ANN ANGER, DECEASED.)

William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES ANN ANGER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Michael Watkins was, on the 26th day of November, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Frances Ann Anger, deceased, who died on the 16th day of November, 2025.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 26th day of November, 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS:)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2512-EU-000092)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF DAVID WILLIAM ORRILL, DECEASED.)

William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID WILLIAM ORRILL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that David Edward Orrill was, on the 4th day of December, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of David William Orrill, deceased, who died on the 11th day of October, 2025.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 4th day of December, 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

DLC#:H284-37

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
IN THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.:78C01-2509-MF-000330

FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF PATRICIA AMIS, DECEASED,
OCCUPANT(S) OF 111 PATTON HOLLOW ROAD, VEVAY, IN 47043 AND
FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CRAIG TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A MAG NAIL FOUND IN THE INTERSECTION OF GREEN VALLEY ROAD AND PATTON HOLLOW ROAD MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE WITH GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SOUTH 89°38'30" WEST, 385.92 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND; THENCE LEAVING GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SOUTH 00°21' 30" EAST, 469.37 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR FOUND AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80°29'57" EAST, 376.83 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND IN PATTON HOLLOW ROAD; THENCE WITH PATTON HOLLOW ROAD, SOUTH 05°20'33 11 WEST, 326.21 FEET TO A MAG NAIL SET; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, SOUTH 89°38'30" WEST, 539.64 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH 00°21' 30" WEST, 266.82 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE SOUTH 89°45'26" EAST, 200.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 3.616 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS

And Commonly known as: **111 Patton Hollow Road, Vevay, IN 47043**

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: Federal Housing Commissioner and Occupant(S) Of **111 Patton Hollow Road, Vevay, IN 47043**

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

The Unknown Heirs at Law of Patricia Amis, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 11th day of January, 2026 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
By Alan W. McEwan

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Switzerland County Circuit Court

Tina M. Caylor (30994-49)
Alan W. McEwan (24051-49)
Nathan A. Dewan (35006-82)
Matthew L. Foutty (20886-49)
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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2505-MF-000416 wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and Aaron R. Ehlers, was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Lot Number One (1) and four and one-half (4 1/2) feet off the west side of Lot Number Two (2) in Mouser Addition to the Town of North Madison, now City of Madison, Indiana. See Plat Book 1, Page 3A, (now New Plat Book 2, Page 3) in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.

More commonly known as: 224 Mouser St, Madison, IN 47250
Parcel No. : 39-08-27-111-083.000-007

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Alan W. McEwan
24051-49
Doyle & Foutty, P.C.
41 E Washington Street
Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ben Flint
Sheriff of Jefferson County

Madison Township
224 Mouser St, Madison, IN 47250
Street Address

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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson County Circuit Court in Cause No. 39C01-2505-MF-000486 wherein German American Bank, was Plaintiff, and Brian L. Blaylock and Farm Bureau Insurance Company were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Being a part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Jefferson County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of Section 27, said point being at the intersection of the center lines of two county roads; thence North 90 degrees east (assumed bearing) with the centerline of the county road 1690 feet to the northeast corner of the W. K. Morgan property and actual place of beginning; thence continuing North 90 degrees East 191 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the Andrew Frazier property; thence South 7 degrees 36' West 516.5 feet to a corner post; thence North 90 degrees West 123.5 feet to a fence post at the southeast corner of the W.K. Morgan property; thence North 0 degrees East 512 feet to the actual place of beginning. Containing 1.85 acres, more or less.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
6189 West 750 North, Dupont, Indiana 47231
PARCEL NO: 39-04-27-000-011.000-004 Lancaster Township

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuations or appraisal laws. Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as 39C01-2505-MF-000486 in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana.

Ben Flint
Sheriff of Jefferson County

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Rhonda S. Miller
Smith & Miller LLP
P.O. Box 3435
Carbondale IL 62902
Phone: (812) 882-0222
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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

DEC. 12

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might wish someone was more empathetic and less clinical. Drill down to what's real with yourself and everyone you meet, fronting is always detectable to those who've done self-work and found their truest selves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be a part of the restoration of circles of reciprocity, your heart could be yearning for meaningful connection. Reciprocity is how we move back into a more loving and inclusive model for relating to other beings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's the logic of the thing, then there's the feelings. You get the greatest wins when both are infused passionately into what you create. You or a partner could be into wishful thinking and comfortable illusions for a few days.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A little cocooning could be what's needed for the next day or two, even if you're normally a get-it-done animal. Listen to your body and your spirit and get a needed reset for greater effectiveness after.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sometimes even the most raw and emotional message benefits from some left-brain packaging before you send it out into the world. Hold your feelings while you give a thought to the best approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Financial clarity comes from numbers and facts and facing up to what you see. Let it be data, not fear, anger, or shame. If you're reacting emotionally instead of strategizing, self-work can free you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some past emotions could resurface, when you see your growth in the positive changes, you know your investment in yourself and your mindset has paid off — again. Accept only truth, not fiction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be a true friend with your whole heart. A financial matter could be obscured — either by the shadow cast by incorrect assumptions or through intent. Lines for deep communication should be open.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your light is shining powerfully but might not be a true representation now. Be mindful; be transparent with anyone blinded by its glare. Utilize habit patterns to excel in your work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When you know you're a quality cake, you don't worry as much about the frosting being perfectly cosmetic. Don't let passing darkness make you lose faith in essential goodness. Instead, exemplify for others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A 'sibling rivalry' pattern could be showing up in a situation where resources or spaces are shared, a childish reaction may require understanding before the issue can be productively discussed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Balance feelings with facts if you're trying to make things equitable. Make the attempt to drill down past optics and spin into reality, though it may take a few days more. Don't act until you see the entire picture.

Sudoku solution

5	8	2	7	1	6	3	4	9
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Jumble solution

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH • SEVEN —

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K J I H F E S T I M M U S D D

Thursday's unlisted clue: ESPOSITO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: SNOW WHITE'S BUDDIES

Brides	Eleven	Mile Bridge	Wonders
Card stud	Falls	Seas	Year itch
Continents	Figures	Sisters	Years' War
Deadly sins	Hills	Summits	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Rainy month
6 "Kapow!"
9 Radiator sound
12 "— No Good" (Ronstadt hit)
13 Brit. record label
14 Author Harper
15 Pop star John
16 Massachusetts university
18 Garden figurines
20 Playwright William
21 Neckline shape
23 Ballot marks
24 Lawn tool
25 Estate measure
27 Emporium
29 Carl Sagan series
31 Business goal
35 Hosiery shade

37 Without help
38 Poker declaration
41 Louvre treasures
43 "Top Hat" studio
44 Pleasing hit
45 Partial
47 South Carolina university
49 Garden intruder
52 "I — Rock"
53 Super serve
54 Show again
55 Wd. from Roget
56 Young bloke
57 Big rigs

DOWN
1 Nay undoer
2 D.C. figure
3 New Jersey university
4 Press
5 Fine china
6 Command
7 You love (Lat.)
8 Russian space station
9 Word on the street?
10 Suit fabric
11 Passover meal
17 YouTube uploads

19 Soccer star
21 Lionel Rug cleaner, briefly
22 Green prefix
24 Mess up
26 Insignia
28 Puccini piece
30 British ref. work
32 New York university
33 Variety
34 Overly
36 Put on weight
38 Early Peruvians
39 Gossamer
40 Whale's home
42 Russian rulers
45 — Raton
46 Duel tool
48 "On the Road" narrator
50 King Charles —
51 ER workers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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25	Estate measure	H	I	V	E	S							V	W		Raton	
		Q	I	H	A	V		N	O	S	W	E	T	O		46	Duel
27	Emporium				D	E	S		V	I	R					tool	
		O	K	R				L	I	V							
29	Carl Sagan series	O	T	O	S											48	"On the Road" narrator
		L	I	F	O	R	P				S	O	W	S	O		
		W	E	D													
31	Business goal										S	E	X			50	King Charles
		D	E	N	I			S	E	W	O	N	G				—
35	Hosiery shade															51	ER workers
		S	S	S				W	V	E							

Today's solution

Today's solution

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DEC. 13

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When mind and heart work together, someone becomes unconquerable, a partner could offer just this combination now. Deception or self-deception are a risk for a few more days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you've been looking for a way to pay it forward, a great idea could arise that really speaks to your heart. If considering a financial deal or major purchase, read all the fine print, twice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unleash your art, music, or hobby, you could find a near-perfect creative flow within yourself today. A partner could be unclear in communication, be uncertain within themselves, or be less than transparent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A new clarity of mind or a new form of comfort could come into your home space. Something may not fully add up in the next few days, move slowly until you identify the disconnect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your communications could be especially resonant and relatable today, this could be an opportunity to build greater understanding. Imagination could drive off-the-charts levels of creative vision now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Financial matters could improve as you receive helpful new insights. Something could obscure the truth around your home, try to separate facts from wishful thinking or obfuscation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) When it all aligns — mind, heart, and soul — you know what you're here for. Speak carefully, facts could easily get confused or misunderstood; take time to clarify anything that seems unclear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This could be a great day to get a killer insight or an answered prayer, block some time for a quiet check-in with your inner self. Power dynamics could surface in a financial situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Friends can stimulate your mind and ease your heart. If your circle delivers something else, consider if you're in the right circle. Always represent yourself with integrity, no faking it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Separate logic from emotion when considering a situation, then integrate them back again once you've listened separately to each inner voice. Use this technique for decisions that are truly holistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have a chance to not just be heard, but to be seen, to be understood, to be felt. The potential window for this is today and tomorrow, not Monday or Tuesday. A friend might be casual with facts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A lighthouse could appear in the darkness of a money matter to guide you more safely now. Plus, an idea of a new way to monetize your magic could open in your mind. Consider your next-level goals.

Sudoku solution

7	3	1	2	5	6	4	9	8
4	9	2	1	8	4	3	7	6
5	6	8	9	7	2	5	1	3
1	8	5	7	2	9	6	4	3
9	7	3	4	6	8	1	2	5
2	4	6	5	1	3	9	8	7
3	2	4	6	5	7	8	1	9
6	5	9	8	4	7	1	4	3
7	1	7	9	3	2	5	6	4

Jumble solution

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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J H F E D O F L O W Y A R G C
A Y E L G A E N E D L O G R W
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S Q M P P N P L K I X H F Z E
C (P T A R M I G A N) E K B Z Z
Y W R A E B K C A L B V A L U
S D R Q P N A M K L I X N Y L

Friday's unlisted clue: DWARFS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: BIGHORN —

Black bear	Golden eagle	Lynx	Snow leopard
Bobcat	Gray wolf	Mt. goat	Wolverine
Condor	Grizzly	Pika	Yak
Elk	Ibex	Plarmigan	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Autumn pears
6 Transmits
11 Red wine
12 Set afire
14 Write cryptograms
15 Depressing experience
16 Sports fig.
17 Roof overhangs
19 Goof up
20 Slay
22 PC alternative
23 Florence's river
24 Result
26 Commuting option
28 Calendar abbr.
30 Seminary subj.
31 Eating area on a train
35 "Poison" shrub
39 Sediment
40 Filch
42 Pop

43 Prince Valiant's son
44 Fashion button
46 VCR
47 Mexican general
49 Texas city
51 Sound system
52 Woke up
53 Online mortgage, e.g.
54 Beam

DOWN
1 Painter
Thomas Hart —
2 Corsage flower
3 — -mo (replay speed)
4 Programmer's output
5 Fulton's power
6 Brandy cocktail
7 Hollywood clashers
8 SSE's opposite
9 Moolah
10 Buffet table heater
11 Gettysburg general
13 Flynn of film
18 Rug cleaner, briefly
21 Revealing works of art?
23 Top grade
25 Chest muscle
27 Scale members
29 Animated film
31 Applauds
32 Make fizzy
33 Aromatic herb
34 "Crying" singer
Orbison
36 Wee bite
37 Carol starter
38 Chocolate source
41 Voting groups
44 The Mets' old home
45 Dutch cheese
48 — Magnon
50 Brit. record label

Solution time: 26 mins.

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NASCAR chairman France stands firm on charter stance, citing parents' advice

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR Chairman Jim France had a stronger second day of testimony Wednesday as the final witness called by Michael Jordan’s side in the federal antitrust lawsuit against the racing series, explaining that advice from his late parents helped shape his stance against granting teams permanent charters in the new revenue-sharing model.

NASCAR attorney Christopher Yates opened the eighth day of the trial by asking the soft-spoken France how old he is — 81 — and if he wears hearing aids — he does — as he walked France through a background that included working for the family business in various roles since high school and following a stint serving in Vietnam.

NASCAR, the largest motorsports series in the



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Michael Jordan, co-owner of 23XI Racing, sits in his pit box during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, in Talladega, Ala.

United States, was founded in 1948 by Bill France Sr. and remains privately owned by the Florida-based France family. Jim France said he was raised with two core principles passed down from his parents.

His mother, credited with helping her husband build NASCAR from nothing, told her two sons to always pay

their bills. Bill France Sr. advised them to “do what you say you're going to do.”

It was those two principles that led to France's refusal to budge on permanent charters in the 2025 revenue-sharing agreement.

“I've just seen so much change over the years and things are changing at a fast pace and I don't know how

to put something in place — I don't know how we could come to an agreement that covers forever,” he testified.

He later tied it directly to his parents' advice.

“I don't have a sightline for the future and I don't feel comfortable making a promise I can't keep forever,” he testified.

That thinking aligns with Tuesday testimony from NASCAR Commissioner Steve Phelps, who gave NASCAR's version of the chaotic Sept. 6, 2024, final agreements presented to teams late that Friday afternoon with an end-of-day deadline to sign the 112-page document or forfeit their charters.

GIRLS

FROM PAGE B1

REBELS ROLL OVER MILAN

Southwestern's girls broke their modest two-game losing streak with a 65-19 hammering of Milan Tuesday on the road.

The Rebels jumped out to a 19-6 lead and never looked back for their first Ohio River Valley Conference win of the season.

Savannah Nussbaum had a near triple-double with 15 points, 12 rebounds and seven steals while adding five assists for Southwestern. Sophie Ford had 11 points for the Rebels, Josie Hubbard had eight points and six rebounds and Rorie Scroggins had eight points.

Southwestern, now 5-4 overall and 1-1 ORVC, traveled to New Washington on

Thursday and hosts South Central on Friday. The Rebels then host Eastern (Pekin) on Tuesday.

SHAWE KNOCKS OFF HAUSER

Shawe played without leading scorer Audrey Barron and still came away with a 43-37 win at Hauser in girls basketball on Tuesday.

Barron, who is averaging 31.3 points per game, missed the game with a sore foot. Freshman Brylee Liter made up for the loss of their leader with a career-high 22 points and fellow freshman Juliet Gardner scored 10 points. Jamison Williams added six.

Shawe, now 6-2 on the season, traveled to South Ripley on Thursday and hosts Switzerland County on Saturday. The Hilltoppers then head to Henryville on Thursday, Dec. 18.

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